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Examiner: NGUYEN, Hoan. C.

FOR: OPTICAL FILM, LIGHT REFLECTIVE FILM, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY PANEL, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AN OPTICAL FILM, METHOD OF PRODUCING A DIE ROLLER, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAMINATING AN OPTICAL FILM

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated March 11, 2003, restriction is required to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to reflective liquid crystal panel with an optical film, and
- II. Claims 6-12, drawn to an apparatus and method for producing an optical film.

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II for further examination in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the invention of Group I in a divisional application.

The examiner alleges that Group II contains the following distinct species:

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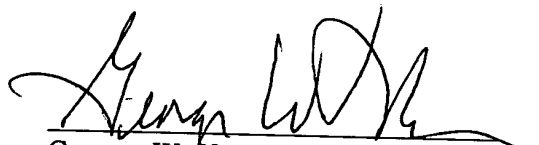
- A. the species of first embodiment (Figs. 1-2), and
- B. the species of second embodiment (Fig. 3).

Applicants respectfully disagree with the characterization of these species. As described on page 23, lines 8-12 of the specification, Fig. 2 shows a film produced so that the width of the photosensitive resin 103 is substantially equal to that of the die roller 105, whereas Fig. 3 shows a film produced so that the width of the photosensitive resin 103 is different from, specifically, smaller than that of the die roller. Both species are within all of the claims of Group II. Thus, there is no claimed basis for any distinction between species A and B.

As required by the examiner, Applicants elect species B, i.e., Fig. 3, for examination if no generic claim is allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10 April 03



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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
☐ a small entity. A statement:
☐ is attached.
☐ was already filed.
☒ other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

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If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. Section 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 720.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for ____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
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Total	12	Minus	20	= 0	x \$9 =	\$0.00		x \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Indep.	8	Minus	8	= 0	x \$42 =	\$		x \$84 =	\$ 0.00
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						+ \$140 = \$		+ \$280 =	\$ 0.00
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- * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3,
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 The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

WARNING: "After final rejection or action (Section 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c) ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

- (d) ☐ Total additional fee for claims required \$ _____.

FEE PAYMENT

5. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ _____.
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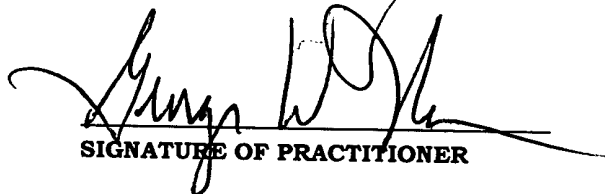
FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).*

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. **04-1105.**

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. **04-1105.**



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